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Applicants : ERNST RYTZ ET AL.
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated November 3, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on February 3, 2006, which is extended for a period of one (1) month to expire on March 3, 2006, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks made herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.